GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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FAKE UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any complaints from any individuals/organisations regarding functioning of fake universities/colleges in the country;

(b) If so, the number of fake universities/colleges functioning, State-wise identified;

(c) whether the Government proposes to make the provisions of UGC Act, 1956 more stringent so as to curb such bogus educational institutes;

(d) if so; the details thereof; and

(e) the time ay when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has so far identified 21 Fake Universities/ Institutions that are in existence in the country in violation of Section 22 of the UGC Act, 1956. A State-wise list of such Universities/Institutions is at Annexure.

(c) & (d): In order to curb fake educational institutes, the UGC has proposed comprehensive changes in the UGC Act, which include, inter-alia, inclusion of the expression of the word University/Vishwavidyalaya/Vidyapeeth etc. in various regional languages and also providing for deterrent punishment including imprisonment for a period upto three years and penalty upto Rs. 10.00 lakhs, besides making the offence cognizable as well as non-bailabie.

(e): No definite time-frame can be.given in this regard.